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**HADDONFIELD IMPROVEMENTS.**—In the first number, our notices were confined pretty much to houses in course of construction. Now we propose to notice such as have been built and occupied mostly within a year or two.

Grove Street has undergone greater changes, perhaps, than any other street in the town within the same space of time. This street runs out from the Main street by the Methodist church, and leads out into the country at the head of Hopkins' Pond, which, in years gone by, furnished the power for running a mill; but the mill is now in a state of decay.

This is said to be a very fine water-power, with a fall of some thirty feet, and could, with enterprise and capital, be turned to good account.

It was Mr. Colby, we believe, who first set the ball in motion on this street for recent improvements—building for himself a very neat and pleasant looking house, said to be carefully built, and a very comfortable abode. The only house between Mr. Colby's and the Methodist Church is one of the old domiciles of the town, having been built many years since.

Next to Mr. Colby comes the handsome dwelling of Mr. E. Wayne, with its neat piazza and spacious yard. Mr. W. is an officer of near forty years' standing in the Commercial Bank of Philadelphia.

Mr. John Lindsay, late of Philadelphia, comes next. He has built for himself a beautiful home, with the various conveniences to make a home comfortable and pleasant.

Both these last named gentlemen have introduced gas into their houses, each having a private gas-manufacturing machine on the premises.

Mr. S. Willis, (lumber,) has also erected a nice dwelling, next to that of Mr. Lindsay, for his own use. These are all on the upper side of the street. On the opposite side,

Messrs. Hoopes & Son have put up a commodious and tasty house, which, we understand, they hold for sale. It is worthy the attention any one looking for a such a residence.

All the above named buildings are put up in modern, or what some would call cottage style, but all differing from each other in appearance, and all neat and tasty.

At the upper end of the town is the spacious

dwelling of Mr. William Mann, (printing, blank-books, stationery, etc.,) with its extensive grounds, hot-houses, shrubbery, fruit and shade trees, &c. Mr. Mann has recently been making some additions to his house, so as the better to accommodate his large family. Heretofore, he has resided here only during the summer season; but it is now his intention, as we understand, hereafter to reside here permanently, summer and winter. His large house and extensive grounds at one extreme end of the town and those of Mr. Sheets at the other, on the opposite side and about the same distance from Main street, seem like a balance to each other; they are about a mile apart.

Mr. Mann took a step in the right direction when he removed a goodly portion of the trees from the front of his house, substituting a lawn therefor, interspersed with clumps of bright flowers, by which a clearer view is had of the house and grounds near by, and by which also more light and a freer circulation of air is secured.

Passing through another portion of the town, we observe a new snug house at the corner of Ellis and Walnut street—built and occupied by Mr. Charles McCready.

Mr. Alf. Clement, not long since, added a second story to his store, which is known as Clement's Hall, and used for public lectures, concerts, etc.

Mr. H. D. Moore has also built him a nice looking and roomy abode at the corner of Haddon and Centre street.

Perhaps we should name the parsonage of the Episcopal (Grace) Church among the modern improvements. It is built in modern style, neat, convenient, and shows to good advantage.

Mr. Ruth, also, not long since, made some improvements to his house, by adding another story on it, and putting bay windows in front.

**SINGULAR.**—There is a tendency in the eye to enlarge the upper portion of any object on which it looks—a fact which we find admirably illustrated in a paragraph in an exchange.

Here is a row of ordinary capital letters and figures;

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They are such as are made up of two parts of equal shapes. Look carefully at these and you will perceive that the upper halves of the characters are a little smaller than the lower halves—so little that an ordinary eye will declare them to be of equal size. Now turn the page upside down, and without any careful looking, you will see this difference in size is very much exaggerated; that the real top part of the letter is very much smaller than the bottom half.

An Exchange asks, "Where does all the cotton go?" We know where a good deal of it goes, but we don't like to tell.

## A VALUABLE TABLE.

A writer for the Cultivator says: I was once in want of some dry measure of capacity, as I had often been before; but this circumstance had never led me until then, to think of the vast number of housekeepers, especially farmers, who suffer inconvenience from the same cause: in fact, I do not believe I should err in rating them at 99 in every 100, and it occurred to me that I might perhaps render them an acceptable service by publishing a list of boxes in a square form, which I made out for my own use, to contain the following quantities: a barrel, half-barrel, bushel, half-bushel, peck, half-peck, gallon, half-gallon, and quart. The square shape was preferred, as being far easier both to make and to calculate.

The advantage to buyers especially, would be considerable; for they could always ascertain whether they received their proper quantity of anything sold by dry measure, if they would only carry the table in their memories, or on a memorandum, together with a small rule in their pockets.

## TABLE.

A box 24 inches by 16 inches square, and 28 inches deep, will contain a barrel, or 10.752 cubic inches.

A box 24 inches by 16 inches square, and 14 inches deep, will contain a half-barrel, or 5.376 cubic inches.

A box 16 inches by 16 8-10 inches square, and 8 inches deep, will contain a bushel, or 2.150 4-10 cubic inches.

A box 12 inches by 11 2-10 inches square, and 8 inches deep, will contain a half-bushel, or 1.075 2-10 cubic inches.

A box 8 inches by 8 4-10 inches square, and 8 inches deep, will contain one peck, or 537 6-10 cubic inches.

A box 8 inches by 8 inches square, and 4 2-10 inches deep, will contain one half-peck, or 268 8-10 cubic inches.

A box 7 inches by 4 inches square, and 4 8-10 inches deep, will contain a half-gallon, or 134 4-10 cubic inches.

A box 4 inches by 4 inches square, and 4 2-10 inches deep, will contain one quart, or 67 2-10 cubic inches.

The measures all come within a small fraction of a cubic inch of being perfectly accurate; as near, indeed, as any measures of capacity have ever yet been made for common use. The difficulty of making them with absolute exactness, has never yet been overcome.

A school committee in a certain New England town said encouragingly in their report: "As this place offers neither honor or profit, we do not see why it should not be filled by a woman."

A citizen of Portland has a wedding suit in which he has been married four times in thirty six years! [They must have courageous women or girls in those parts.—ED. BASKET.]

A popular colored church in Richmond, Va., has 3000 members and 30 deacons.

## THE HADDONFIELD BASKET.

Haddonfield, August 20, 1874.

## EXPLANATORY.

We issue another number (No. 3) of the "Basket," not that there is yet a sufficient number of subscribers to authorize its continuance, but to give further explanations, and to meet some of the objections made to subscribing for it.

The first objection was its size, although every one must know that nearly all enterprises must begin in a small way, unless there is capital to back it up. To meet this objection, however, it will be perceived that it has been enlarged to double the size of the two first numbers, involving much more expense in its publication. This objection, therefore, is thus answered.

Another objection is that "We already take too many papers—more than we can read." Is this a the proper way to look at it? Ought there not to be pride or interest enough to sustain a local paper, that we may be better known and appreciated outside of our own narrow limits? As remarked in the first number, "A town of the size, importance and rapidly increasing population as that of Haddonfield, without its local newspaper, is an anomaly of a somewhat uncommon if not a remarkable character." Every town of any considerable size has its one or two newspapers. The price of this paper is so small that it need not be the cause of giving up any other one.

And then there are some persons, but very few we believe, who seem to have mistaken the objects had in view in the publication of this paper, and suggest some great literary affair—high sounding essays, or elaborate and learned articles on different subjects. Now, if these persons have the capability and will furnish such articles occasionally of suitable length, they will help to make up a variety. We confess we have not brains enough, at least not of the right construction, for that sort of exercise—something like the boy who essayed to be a farmer; he was first set to weeding potatoes; in a short time he quit and left in disgust, giving as a reason that his legs were not adapted to that kind of work. He was excused. It might suit a very erudite or imaginative man, with a salary running into thousands of dollars a year. The design of the paper, however, is principally to give local news and incidents of the town, with short, useful, instructive, moral and religious articles, interspersed with amusing and pleasant anecdotes, &c.

Other objections have been named, but it is scarcely worth while to notice them here. It would not be possible to issue a paper but that there will be objections to it by some persons, and probably no two would agree as to what should be said or not said or done. There would be few papers published if none were taken but such as we could find nothing in them to find fault with or object to. For our own part, we would help to sustain the village paper, no matter what it contained, so long as it kept within the bounds of decency, morality, and the general principles of christianity. There may be a difference of opinion on some subjects, but there need be no quarrelling, or the use of abusive language.

A New York paper recently had an article on the subject of newspapers, a portion of which is so appropriate to the occasion, we copy:

"A newspaper has to consult an infinite variety of

tastes, and to consider an infinite number of themes. To succeed it must give what its readers, as a whole, want. Between many objects of different importance, it must give a preference to those which the public care most for, and which are most deserving. The editor is obliged to decide when claims conflict. He may not be perfect, but his is the duty, and he must perform it. Correspondents who think that they have not been treated by him with sufficient consideration must reflect that he has probably been compelled to offend many others in the same way upon the same occasion, and that there is, and can be, no help for it, except by each one starting a newspaper of his own."

Since the above was in type, it has been suggested that, as there does not seem to be sufficient encouragement, as yet, to issue the *Basket* weekly, would it be advisable to make it monthly, at half the price. There cannot be much doubt but that the paper would be a success if fairly started and regularly issued, whether such issue be weekly or monthly.

Our List of Subscribers is a very respectable one, and constantly increasing; and we hereby express our thanks to those who have given their names and their confidence. The list includes the most of the prominent and business men of the town, and some of the ladies; but we need and must have a large addition before we can assume the responsibility of the regular publication of the "Basket."

If the people of the town desire to have a paper of their own, we doubt whether a more favorable opportunity will occur again very soon; if not, so be it. Personally, it is of little consequence to the publisher; only, that he don't like to be defeated in anything that he undertakes. There is one thing very certain; that is, if the present effort is a failure, it will not be attempted again by the present party, unless under very different circumstances.

We have received a communication from "Mentor," in which he represents Mansion avenue as being subject in some places to an overflow of water after rains, and wishes to know whose business it is to apply a remedy—the property owners or town committee? Since the receipt of this communication, we understand the proper authorities have been at work on the street, with a view of putting it in better condition.

As to the other matter that "Mentor" mentions, it will receive attention, no doubt, in due time, as the "march of improvement" works its way down along the avenue.

*Public School Business.*—A public meeting was held on the evening of Aug. 3d, at the school house in Haddonfield, (being School District No. 12,) according to public notice, for the purpose of electing one trustee to serve for the ensuing three years, in place of Nathan Lippincott, whose term of office had then expired.

The meeting was organized by choosing Mr. J. P. Browning as chairman, and J. Van Court, secretary.

Several nominations were then made; but all the nominees declining to serve, a motion was made and carried to go into an election by ballot, which resulted in the re-election of Nathan Lippincott, who received every vote with one exception.

The chairman then made a few remarks, stating that the school was in a good condition, and so far as he could learn, was giving general satisfaction; that there had been an increase of 61 children attending the school within the past year, and intimating that if they continued to increase in the same ratio, there would soon be a necessity of enlarging the school house.

Teachers have been sentred. They are Miss Tilly Bareford, *Principal*, Miss Sarah K. Fay, *Vice-Principal*, Miss Julia Whitecar, and Miss Emma Middleton.

The attendance was slim, some afterwards stating that they had forgotten about the meeting, and others

did not know of it, although a number of notices were posted up about the town.

Here is another argument in favor of a local paper, in which all such matters as are of general interest to the people could be amply noticed and brought prominently before them.

## OLD NEWSPAPERS, ETC.

We take the following items from the the *West Jersey Press*:

"The time is not far distant when a double track will be laid on the Camden and Atlantic, all the way from the Delaware to the Sea shore. The business of the road will require an additional track.

"The receipts of the Camden and Atlantic railroad for June and July have been larger than any corresponding months since the road was constructed.

"We were shown a few days since by Dr. H. Genet Taylor, of this city, two copies of a newspaper called *The American Star*, dated July 7th and Oct. 6th, 1824, which was published in this city (Camden,) at that time by Samuel Ellis. The size of the sheet is about 12 by 18 inches, [considerably smaller than the *Basket*.]

Among the items extracted are the following:

"At a meeting of the master ferrymen, held June 24th, 1824, at the house of Benj. Springer, 'it was resolved that the practice of passing people that attend funerals gratis be made null and void.'

"Amongst the reading matter, in the issue of Oct. 21st, is given an account of the visit of the Marquis de La Fayette to Trenton, and of the grand procession attending it.

*Haddonfield* is mentioned incidentally, as follows:

"List of Letters remaining in the Post Office at *Haddonfield*, July 1st: Samuel Barton, William Bate, Charles Cox, 2, Samuel Cresson, George Cox, Charles Ellis, Lot Evans, Abraham Gaskill, Elizabeth H. Glover, Rachel B. Gibbs, Isaac Horner, Isaac Hinchman, William Hugg, George Ivins, Russell Millard, Turner Risdon, Christopher Sickler, 2, Richard Stafford, Matthias Sickler, Phoebe L. Webb.

Joseph Porter, P. M."

We can do better than that, friend Chew, in respect to ancient papers. We have two numbers of the *PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE*, one dated May 18, 1796, and the other August 2, 1797; also, one number of the *NEW YORK GAZETTE*, or the *WEEKLY POST BOY*, of the date of September, 1763—the size of the one about 15 by 20 in. and the others 17 by 21. We may, hereafter, give some particulars as to how they came into our possession, simply stating that we found the two first-named papers in the building where they are believed to have been printed. We take the following from the *New York Gazette*, relating to a little matter in New Jersey:

"We hear the Managers of the New-Jersey Third Lottery, are now rolling up the numbers to put into the Wheels, and purpose to begin the drawing at New Brunswick on Monday next. Those who incline to venture are once more notified to be speedy in their Application to the respective Managers."

Since those days (111 years ago,) the sentiments of the people have changed in respect to lotteries in this State, and they are now strictly prohibited by law.

A Western paper says of the air, in its relations to man: "It kisses and blesses him, but will not obey him." Blobs says that description suits his wife exactly.

*Sunday Schools.*—Since our last number was issued the Sunday Schools of the Episcopal, the Baptist and the Presbyterian denominations of this place have all had their picnic in the woods, and all report a very agreeably spent day of social enjoyment and recreation. The Methodist school had been out some days before.

The heavy rains, which were so much needed and so heartily prayed for and welcomed in this part of the country, on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8 and 9, did much damage in the city, Germantown, Manayunk, and their surrounding vicinities. We have had no rain since, and the indications now seem to be in favor of another extended drought.

*Correction.*—In a portion of our edition, in giving the proceedings of the public school meeting, on page 10, it is said, "there had been an increase of 61 children attending the school." This is a mistake. It should be "an increase of 61 children in the school district."

Quite a large party of excursionists from Dovlestown, visited Atlantic City on Wednesday last, and, as we are informed, two of them made a narrow escape from being drowned while bathing. Otherwise they passed the day pleasantly.

Happening to remark to our facetious friend H. A., that we had been somewhat troubled the night before by some hungry mosquitoes, having gained admittance into the room from accidentally leaving a window open till late in the evening, when he related the story of a man troubled in a similar manner, and how he made an effort to get clear of the varmints by opening all the windows and producing a brilliant light in his room. This mode of treating the matter, however, he found made it no better, and he reluctantly resigned himself to his fate.

As A. had just been proposing to write something for the *Basket*, we told him that would do for a beginning, and here it is.

*Abuse of the Pardoning Power.*—Gov. Moses, of South Carolina, has pardoned, in the course of 19 months, 421 criminals!—including murderers, 21; manslaughter, 25; arson, 21; malfeasance in office, 12; and sundry highway robbers, perjurers, horse-thieves, etc. There would seem to be but little use in incurring the heavy expenses for the maintenance of courts, judges, juries and other arrangements for the punishment of bad men, if any one man has the power of thus summarily setting at naught all that they may do for the safety of society.

Governor Parker's term of office expires with the close of the year, and, as he cannot be immediately re-elected, according to the Constitution of the State, there are numerous candidates already named as his successor. But as only one can have the office, what a pile of disappointment there will be. We hope the right man will be elected, that is, an honest one. The Republican candidates are: Geo. A. Halsey, Marcus L. Ward, Amos Clark, jr., Wm. J. Sewell and Senator Bettle. Democratic: Judge Bedell, Nehemiah Parry, A. W. Cudler, John T. Bird and Andrew A. Smalley, making altogether ten candidates. As we have no personal acquaintance with any of these gentlemen, it would not be judicious perhaps to express our opinion as to which of them will make the best Governor.

Mr. Wm. Plum, of this town, gives his 27th annual excursion to Atlantic City on the 27th of August. His excursions are always popular and well patronized.



### LULU'S COMPLAINT

BY HESTER A. BENEDICT.

'Tis a poor little sorrowful baby,  
For B'ldget is 'way down stairs;  
My titten has hatched my flinder,  
And Dolly won't say her p'ayers.

I hain't seen my bootful mamma  
Since ever so long ago;  
An' I ain't her tummy'st baby,  
No longer, for B'ldget said so.

My ma's dot anoder new baby;  
Dod dived it—he did—yes—today,  
An' it kles, it kles, oh so delfed,  
I wis' He would tate it away.

I don't want no 'sweet little sister!'  
I want my dood mamma, I do;

I want her to tles me, an' tles me,  
An' tall me her p'ecious Lulu!

I dess my bld papa wll b' in' me  
A 'little dood tthen some day,  
Here's nurse wll my mamma's new baby;  
I wis' s'e would tate it away.

Oh, oh, what tummy yed flinders!  
It sees me yite out o' its eyes!  
I dess we wll keep it, and dwe it  
Some tanny whenever it kles.

I dess I wll dwe it my Dolly  
To play wll mos' every day;  
An' I dess, I dess—say, B'ldget,  
As' Dod not to tate it a-fo-ay.

*Rowandtown* is a small village about one mile from Haddonfield on the road to Philadelphia. It is an old place, and one of the earliest settlers was John Rowand. He was a blacksmith, and built his shop at the corner of a road, on the edge of what was then a sort of briar swamp. Here he prospered, and was a "happy" man, as he ought to have been, if true as reported of him, when he asserted that he had "the best horse, the best cow, and the best wife in the country." He attended Friends' meeting, taking his seat in a retired part of the house, and on one occasion when some respect was being administered to the sleepy ones, he lifted up his voice and advised those who could not keep awake, to come over in his corner, where they would not be seen so readily when napping. Lately, the residents have been making an effort to change the name to

*Glenwood*, the name of the station heretofore called Webster's Lane. But there would seem to be some difficulty in accomplishing this, unless they unite the two stations, as they are but a little distance apart, have but one, and call that Glenwood. It occurs to us that as long as one the railroad stations is called Rowandtown, the town must necessarily go by that name, unless, indeed, they divide the place and make two towns.

There was some excitement there a few days ago on the occasion of electing a trustee for the public school. The feeling ran so high, that it was deemed advisable to have a couple of police officers on hand, but their services were not called into requisition, and, we believe, nobody was hurt. There was a large turn-out, and Mr. Wm. Flinn was the successful candidate, by a large majority. The whole matter has now settled down into a state of repose, and "all is quiet along the" turnpike.

Several fires have been raging in the woods on or near the rail road,—one of them between Egg Harbor City and Pinnock, and another east of Ellwood, by which much young timber has been injured or destroyed.

*Old Fellows' Pic-Nic.*—On Thursday last, "*Morning Star Lodge*," No. 70, I. O. O. F., of Haddonfield, held a pic-nic in Mr. John Sny's woods. At quite an early hour wagon-loads of ladies and gentlemen began to arrive on the ground, and additions were constantly making to the party until the middle of the afternoon. At 10½ A. M., the "6th Regiment Brass Band" made its appearance, and discoursed sweet strains of music until 12 M., when dinner was announced. The table, which was L-shaped, and of massive proportions, was groaning under a load of substantial and delicacies. After Rev. Mr. Young had implored the Divine blessing, the ensuing scene was one which can be better imagined than described. Roasts, chicken in every mode, &c. &c., together with every vegetable in season, and sauces *ad infinitum*, melted away like dew in the morning sun, and became "beautifully less." When the table had been thrice surrounded, and every one was satisfied with the good things which make glad the inner man, a mental feast was partaken of in the shape of an elegant and appropriate address by the Rev. Mr. Stiles. In turn, speeches were made by Mr. Wilson and Mr. George Stuart, with intervals of music.

The gay groups of young ladies, the massive oaks with their overhanging foliage of green, and the sweet strains of music, formed a combination to soothe and please the senses. A pleasant feature, also, was the vocal music, rendered by a member of the band. There were present many who were not members of the Fraternity. We noticed, besides the Rev. gentlemen above-mentioned, three physicians.

Not a single incident occurred during the day to mar the pleasure of the occasion, and there was a unanimous wish to have it repeated next summer.

A PARTICIPANT.

The bodies of all the persons drowned at Atlantic City recently by the swamping of a boat have been recovered, the last being Miss Annie Roberts and D. O. Sharpless, who were found in the inlet, Aug. 10.

Ten trains run regularly from Camden to Haddonfield daily, in connection with Philadelphia, with obliging conductors and careful engineers. We scarcely ever hear of an accident on the road, unless caused by the carelessness or inadvertence of those to whom the accident happens.

The new President, A. K. Hay, Esq., is unanimously spoken of as efficient and energetic, and doing all he can for the comfort and accommodation of those using the road—as, indeed, so far as we are aware, may be said of all the officials connected with this highway to the sea.

All this makes it very convenient for those doing business in the city, and at the same time possessing a pleasant rural abode among the birds, the fruits, and the flowers. Come along, ye "pent up" citizens.

We are indebted to the kindness of Mr. T. S. Arthur, publisher of Arthur's Home Magazine, for the pretty little cut on the previous page. We dare say Charles Ross has often wished for his "bootiful mamma."

**FAIR AND FESTIVAL.**—We learn that the ladies of the M. E. Church, at Haddonfield, will hold a Fair and Festival in the Town Hall, on the afternoons and evenings of the 2d, 3d and 4th of September.

**Grave Street.**—It seems we made a mistake in another part of this paper when we stated that Mr. Colby was the first in starting the late improvements on this street. The credit should have been given to Mr. S. A. Willits, as it was him that built the first of the modern houses there, and others followed suit.

The Ross boy case seems to have come to a stand still at present. It seems very strange that nobody seems to know or are willing to tell of the whereabouts of this boy, notwithstanding the large rewards that have been offered.

The Tilton-Beecher case drags itself along, the last movement being that Mr. Tilton enters suit against Mr. Beecher—damages \$100,000; also, against three daily newspapers for libel. We begin to have an impression that all the parties immediately concerned in this squabble are no better than they ought to be, especially after reading Moulton's last statement.

**Taxes in Camden.**—We have noticed the frequent complaints of the high rate of taxes in Camden, and, although the authorities have reduced the rate from \$2.50 to \$2.30 on the \$100, yet have so increased the assessment value of property as a basis for taxation, that instead of being lower they are considerably higher. A correspondent of the *H. J. Press* gives an instance, as an example, of one property that was valued last year at \$2000, on which the tax at \$2.50, amounted to \$50. This year the property is valued at \$3000, and the tax at the reduced rate of \$2.30, amounts to \$69! That's another way of reducing taxation.

There seems to be a kind of mania with some men as soon as they get into office to run cities, towns and corporations into debt, either in some extravagant scheme of what they call "improvements," or to reward friends, or to uphold party or political measures, or make more offices for needy candidates, or some other unnecessary expenditure, which they would not tolerate for a moment in their own private business; and it is not to be wondered at, therefore, that there are frequent indications in different parts of the country to repudiate some of these debts, thus unjustly foisted upon the people.

**An Irish Bull.**—Mr. C., an irascible Irishman, being displeased on some occasion with his apprentice boys, threatened to station himself at a certain place with a cut-throat and give each one a good *conchiding*! One of the boys observed: "if he attempts to cowskin me with a rattan, I'll make him run, I bet!" "How?" asked another. "Why, like the man who said he had been in a war at one time in his life, and made twenty men run all at once. On being asked how he did it, he replied, 'Why, I ran away, and they all ran after me!'"—[Copyright secured! It's in the closet.]

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